

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

P.S. – Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Failure to implement the Seed Act, 2007 in Guntur District- Detection of 90.81 qtls of spurious BT cotton Seeds worth Rs. 14.65 lakh – Regional V&E Officer, Guntur unit report – Disciplinary action initiated u/r 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri Y.Koteswara Rao, Agriculture Officer, & Seed Inspector, Guntur –Inquiry conducted – Inquiry report communicated & Show cause Notice – Issued – Examined - Final orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 576

Dated:21-05-2012.
Read the following:-

1. From the C&DA, Hyd. Lr.No. Vig.II(2)237/10, dated 6-2-2010 along with report of the Regional, V&E Officer, Guntur dt. 19-5-2009.
2. Govt. Memo.No. 2183/Vig.I-1/2010-2, dated 1-5-2010.
3. From the C&DA, Hyd. Lr.No. Vig.II(2)237/10, dated 15-5-2010.
4. Govt. Memo.No. 2183/Vig.I-1/2010-3, dated 28-6-2010.
5. G.O.Rt.No.852, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dated 28-6-2010.
6. G.O.Rt.No.853, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dated 28-6-2010.
7. G.O.Rt.No.854, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dated 28-6-2010.
8. Sri S.K. Habeeb Basha, ADA®, Guntur, dated 12-7-2010,
9. Sri I.Ramakrishna Murthy, JDA, Guntur), dated 12-7-2010.
10. From Sri Y.Koteswara Rao, A.O., & S.I. Guntur and 12-7-2010.
11. G.O.Rt.No.1264, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dated 9-9-2010.
12. From the C&DA., Hyd Lr.No.Vig.II(2)/237/09, dated 12-5-2011 along with Inquiry report dt. 29-10-2011 submitted by the Inquiry Authority.
13. Govt. Memo.No.2183/Vig.I-1/2010-5, dated 22-7-2011.
14. Govt. Memo.No.2183/Vig.I-1/2010-6, dated 22-7-2011.
15. From Sri Y.Koteswara Rao, A.O., & S.I. Guntur (Now retd) written representation dt. 30-8-2011.
16. From the Secretary, APPSC, Hyd Lr.No.488/RT/3/2012, dated 12-4-2012.

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ORDER:

It has brought to the notice of the Government by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad, that the Regional, Vigilance & Enforcement Officer, Guntur has submitted a report on the failure of Agricultural officials to implement the A.P. Cotton Seeds (Regulation of supply Distribution, Sale and Fixation of Sale Price) Act' 2007 in Guntur District for detection of 90.81 qtls of spurious BT cotton Seeds worth Rs. 14.65 lakh and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri Y.Koteswara Rao, Agriculture Officer, & Seed Inspector, Guntur district and 2 others. Government after examining the matter have initiated disciplinary action against Sri Y.Koteswara Rao, Agriculture Officer, & Seed Inspector, Guntur district, Sri S.K. Habeeb Basha, ADA®, Guntur, and Sri I.Ramakrishna Murthy, JDA, Guntur, (now retired), for the above irregularities committed by them. Accordingly charges were framed against them vide reference 5th, 6th and 7th read above.

2. The Charged Officers submitted their written statement of defences in the reference 8th, 9th and 10th read above the Charged Officers Government examined the case in detail with reference to the written statement of defenses submitted by the Charged Officers and appointed the Addl. Director of Agri.-I, office of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad, as Inquiry Officer for conducting regular enquiry into the charges framed against them vide reference 11th read above. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad in the reference 12th read above, has furnished the Inquiry report submitted by the Inquiry Authority. Wherein the Inquiry Authority has reported that the charges framed against Sri Sk. Habeeb Bash, ADA ®, Guntur and

Sri I.Ramakrishna Murthy, JDA, Guntur (Now retd) are held not proved and the charge framed against Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, A.O. and Seed Inspector, Guntur as proved.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter, with reference to the records available and Inquiry report submitted by the Inquiry Officer have decided to accept the finding of the Inquiry Officer, and dropped further action against Sri Sk.Habeeb Basha, ADA ®, Guntur and Sri I.Ramakrishna Murthy, JDA, Guntur) (Now retired) in the reference 13th read above, and also decided provisionally to impose a penalty of 30% cut in pension for one year against Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, A.O. and Seed Inspector, Guntur district for the charge held proved in the regular Inquiry, u/r Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980, as the C.O has retired from Government service on 31-10-2010. Accordingly, a S.C.N. was issued to the C.O., vide reference 14th read above.

4. In reply to the above Show cause notice the Charged Officer, has submitted his written representation vide reference 15th read above, wherein while submitting his explanation has requested to consider his appeal and to drop the disciplinary action against him.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter with reference to the material available on record have observed that the Charged Officer, has not submitted any valid reasons for considering his written representation and after obtaining the concurrence of the APPSC, vide reference 16th read above, have decided and hereby ordered to impose a penalty of 30% cut in pension for one year against Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, Agriculture Officer and Seed Inspector, Guntur District (now retired) under Rule 9 of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980, for the charge held proved in a regular Inquiry,

6. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**V. NAGI REDDY,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, A.O. and Seed Inspector,
Guntur district (Now retired) (through C&DA., Hyderabad.)

Copy to:

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Hyderabad.
The Secretary, APPSC, M.J.Road, Hyderabad.
The DG (V&E) Dept., for information.
SC/SF.

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SECTION OFFICER